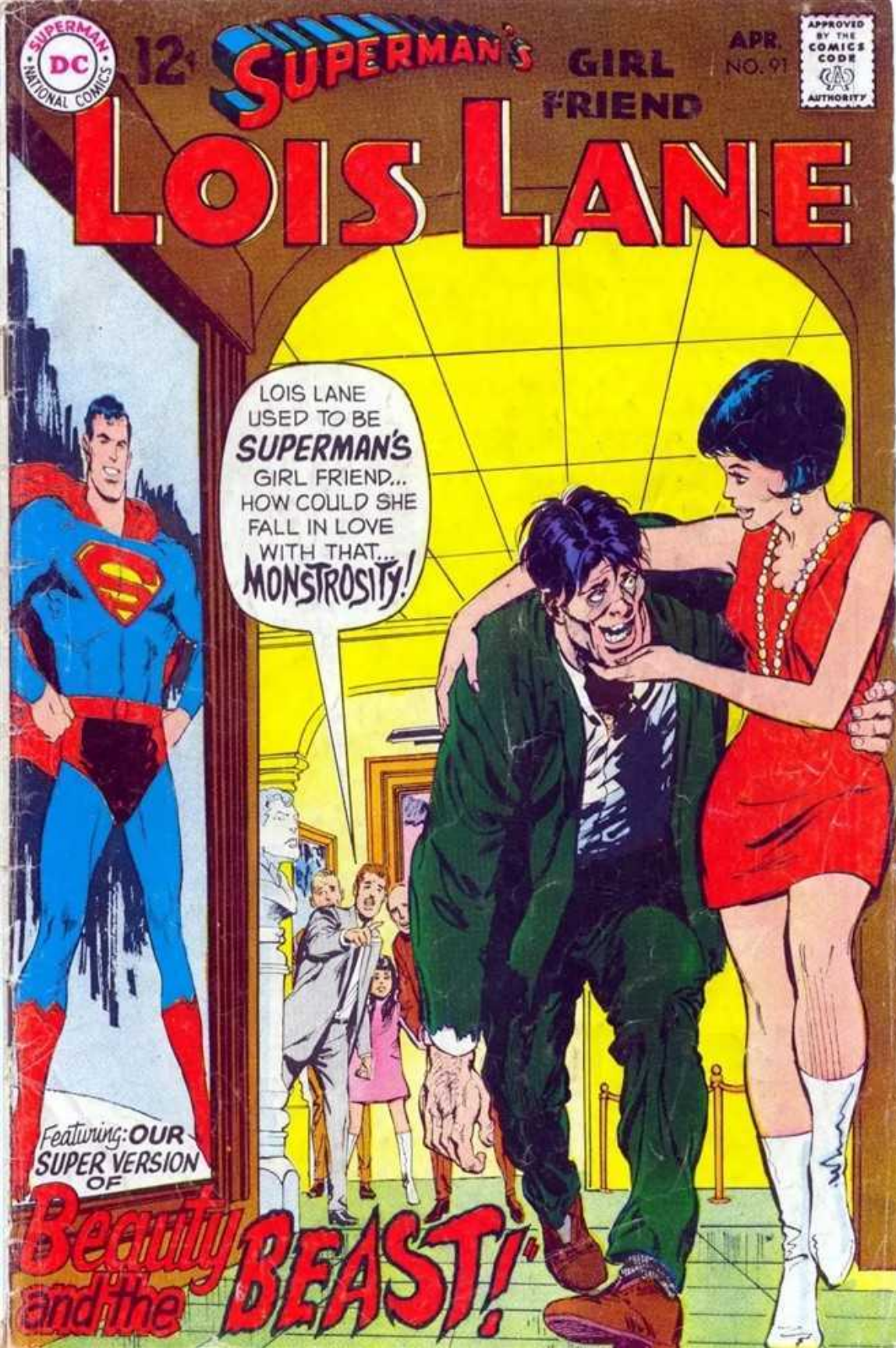
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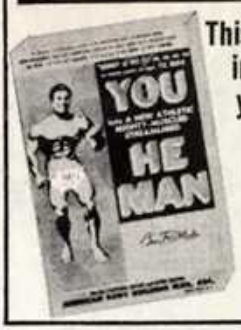

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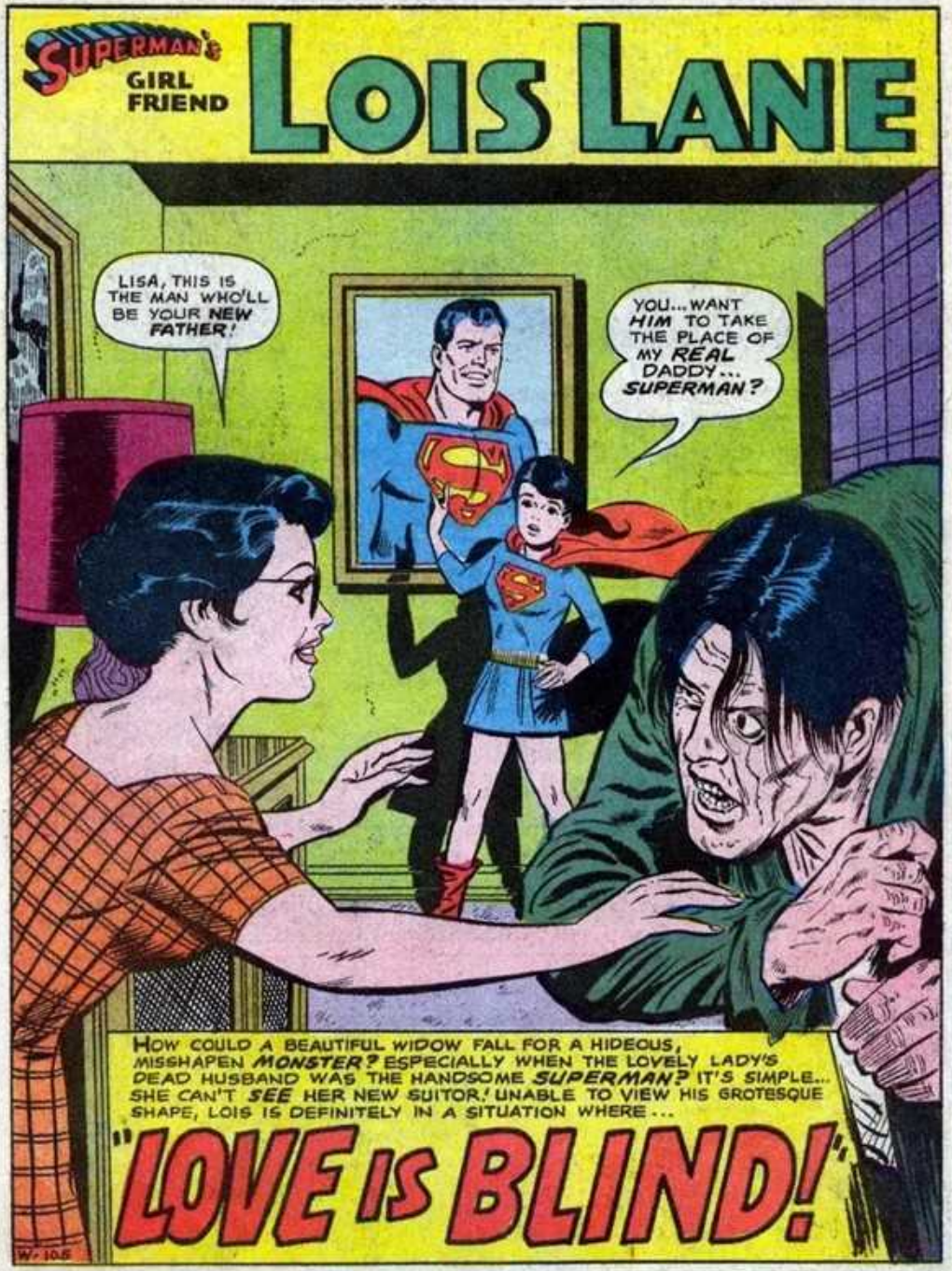
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HOW COULD A BEAUTIFUL WIDOW FALL FOR A HIDEOUS, MISSHAPEN MONSTER? ESPECIALLY WHEN THE LOVELY LADY'S DEAD HUSBAND WAS THE HANDSOME SUPERMAN? IT'S SIMPLE... SHE CAN'T SEE HER NEW SUITOR! UNABLE TO VIEW HIS GROTESQUE SHAPE, LOIS IS DEFINITELY IN A SITUATION WHERE...
"LOVE IS BLIND!"

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IN THE MELANCHOLY ENVIRONS OF METROPOLIS' MEMORIAL PARK, A GROUP OF REPORTERS AWAITS EXPECTANTLY...
THERE SHE IS! THE MYSTERIOUS WOMAN IN BLACK... WITH HER BOUQUET OF FLOWERS! EVERY MONTH SHE VISITS SUPERMAN'S GRAVE! RAIN OR SHINE! WINTER AND SUMMER!
MAYBE WE CAN GET HER TO LIFT HER VEIL--SO WE CAN IDENTIFY HER THIS TIME!
SUPERMAN
WHO IS THIS STRANGE, SHROUDED FIGURE APPROACHING ON HER SAD ERRAND?
AT THAT MOMENT, A STRANGER WITH A HATE-CONVULSED FACE BURSTS THROUGH THE GROUP OF WATCHERS...
SUPERMAN PUT ME IN PRISON FIFTEEN YEARS AGO! I'VE DREAMED OF NOTHIN' ELSE BUT DESTROYIN' EVERY MONUMENT TO HIS BLASTED MEMORY!
LOOK OUT! HE HAS A LIVE BOMB!
I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU, SUPERMAN-- AS LONG AS I LIVE! AND THESE FLOWERS... WILL BE A TOKEN OF MY UNDYING LOVE... TO KEEP YOUR MEMORY GREEN...
WITH BLIND COURAGE, THE WOMAN IN BLACK THRUSTS HER FRAIL BODY IN FRONT OF THE SMOKING BOMB...
I'LL DIE BEFORE I LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO SUPERMAN'S MONUMENT! IT'S ALL I HAVE LEFT OF HIM!
IF THIS IS MY LAST MOMENT-- I'LL DIE HAPPY-- KNOWING THAT I'M GOING TO JOIN HIM!
SSSSSSSSSSSSSS...
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SUDDENLY, A TEEN-AGE STREAK OF BLUE AND SCARLET HURTLES THROUGH THE AIR, FLEETER THAN THE FASTEST FALCON...
IT'S SUPERLASS--THE TERRIFIC TEEN!
WHAT A SCORCHING SCOOP THIS'LL BE!
DON'T MOVE! EVERYBODY STAY IN YOUR GROOVE!
SUPERMAN
A FLIP OF STEELY FINGERS SENDS THE SIZZLING BOMB ROCKETING INTO THE AIR...
KEEP YOUR HEADS DOWN, EVERYONE! THIS IS GOING TO BE A BASH!
WHROOOSH!
AND THE AIR SCREAMS BEFORE THE SHATTERING EFFECT OF THE DETONATING BOMB--
WRAAAAAM!
LIKE A HUMAN MISSILE, SUPERLASS WHIRLS BACK AT THE FROTHING FELON...
MY SLUGS... BOUNCIN' OFF YOUR FINGERS-- BUT I WON'T LET YOU ROB ME OF MY REVENGE!
TZ-ZZZING!
BEEEANG!
VIIIING
YOU CERTAINLY AREN'T ONE OF THE LOVE PEOPLE, ARE YOU?
SUPE
DON'T MISS THIS SHOT!
TEEN-AGER TAMES THUG! WHAT A LEAD!
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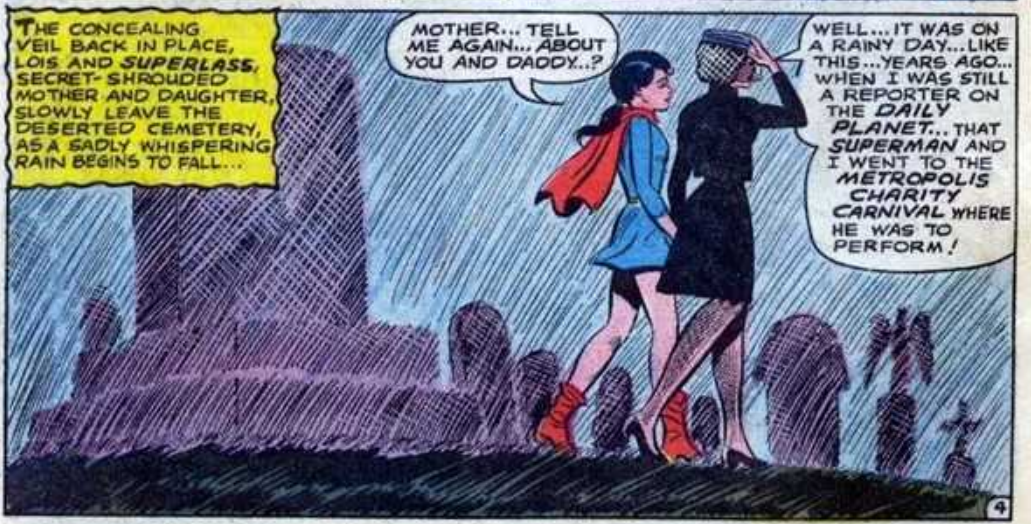
HERE COMES THE LAW TO HELP YOU COOL OFF IN THE COOLER!
THE FUZZ CAN'T KEEP ME LOCKED UP FOREVER! AN' WHEN I'M SPRUNG-- I'M GONNA COME LOOKIN' FOR YOU, SUPERLASS!
POW!W

WITH THE CALLOUS CRIMINAL IN THE HANDS OF THE POLICE...
GOING TO A FIRE?
TO A FIVE STAR FINAL, SWEETIE!
THIS SCOOP WILL MAKE THE HEADLINES SING!
AND IT'LL MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR NOT FINDING OUT WHO THE WOMAN IN BLACK IS!

WHEN THE LAST REPORTER HAS GONE, SUPERLASS RETURNS TO THE LONELY FIGURE IN BLACK...
WE'RE ALONE, MOTHER! NO ONE'S HERE!
THEN-- IT'S SAFE TO LIFT MY VEIL...

PATHETICALLY, THE SECRET MOURNER TRACES SUPERMAN'S CHISELED NAME WITH FUMBLING FINGERS...
I'LL NEVER BREAK MY PROMISE TO SUPERMAN... NEVER TO REVEAL THAT WE WERE MARRIED SECRETLY... WHEN I WAS LOIS LANE... AND HAD JUST LOST MY SIGHT...
...THAT YOU ARE OUR DAUGHTER... AND THAT NOW-- I AM HIS WIDOW!
DON'T CRY, MOTHER... PLEASE...DON'T ...CRY... WE HAVE TO... CARRY ON... FOR DADDY--


THE CONCEALING VEIL BACK IN PLACE, LOIS AND SUPERLASS, SECRET-SHROUDED MOTHER AND DAUGHTER, SLOWLY LEAVE THE DESERTED CEMETERY, AS A SADLY WHISPERING RAIN BEGINS TO FALL...
MOTHER... TELL ME AGAIN... ABOUT YOU AND DADDY..?
WELL... IT WAS ON A RAINY DAY... LIKE THIS...YEARS AGO... WHEN I WAS STILL A REPORTER ON THE DAILY PLANET... THAT SUPERMAN AND I WENT TO THE METROPOLIS CHARITY CARNIVAL WHERE HE WAS TO PERFORM!

HOW WELL LOIS LANE'S SIGHTLESS EYES SEEM TO ENVISION THAT HAPPY SCENE OF LONG AGO...
IT'S TOO BAD THE RAIN WILL CUT DOWN ON THE ATTENDANCE, SUPERMAN! IT WILL MEAN A LOT LESS IN REVENUE THAT WOULD HAVE GONE TO CHARITY!
MAYBE WE CAN MAKE THAT OLD NURSERY RHYME OF "RAIN--RAIN--GO AWAY--" COME TRUE, LOIS!
INSTANTLY, THE MAN OF STEEL LEAPED TOWARD THE MASSIVE RAIN CLOUD HOVERING OVER THE CARNIVAL...AND WITH A TITANIC BLAST OF SUPER-BREATH...
I'LL JET THIS RAIN CLOUD IN THE DIRECTION OF METROPOLIS VALLEY... WHERE THE FARMERS WILL WELCOME IT FOR THEIR CROPS!
PWOOOOF!
BUT EVEN AS SUPERMAN PLUMMETED BACK TOWARD THE WAITING LOIS...
GUNMEN! ROBBING THE CARNIVAL'S CHARITY PROCEEDS! OHH--WHERE IS SUPERMAN? WHAT A TIME TO BE CLOUD-CHASING!
SUPERMAN AIN'T HERE, RIENZO! BUT THE FUZZ'LL BE ON OUR TAILS ANY MINUTE!
LET 'EM SHOW! THIS RAY GUN I HEISTED FROM THE ARGUS LAB WILL MELT THE BUTTONS OFF THEIR BLUE SUITS!
LIKE A WHIRLING HELICOPTER PROPELLER, THE ACTION ACE SCATTERED THE STARTLED GUNMEN LIKE TUMBLING LEAVES...
SUPERMAN DOESN'T SEE THE HOODS' LEADER!
CRAAAACK!
HERE'S WHERE I MELT THE MAN O' STEEL DOWN TO STEEL SCRAP!
VROOOOOOSH
RIENZO!--HALLLLP--!
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INTENT ON SUBDUING THE GUNMEN, SUPERMAN DID NOT SEE THE LETHAL RAY STREAK TOWARD HIM FROM THE GANG-LEADER'S GUN, BUT LOIS DID, AND WITH HEART POUNDING MADLY...
THAT BIRD'S SPOILIN' MY PITCH!
SUPERMAN!--LOOK OUT!
HUH--?
VROOOOOSH
LIKE A BLAZING BOLT OF LIGHTNING, THE PULVERIZING RAY FLARED IN FRONT OF LOIS' EYES...
OHHHHH...
FROM A WHITE-HOT BLAZE THE WORLD SPUN INTO WHIRLING BLACKNESS...
I--I CAN'T SEE--! I'M BLIND! BLIND! BLIND!
IN THE MIDST OF HER BLIND ANGUISH LOIS CRIED...
SUPERMAN...SUPERMAN--ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ANSWER ME--ANSWER ME! OH...PLEASE ANSWER ME!
AS IF FROM A DARK WELL CAME THE MAN OF STEEL'S VOICE...
I'M ALL RIGHT, LOIS! I'VE JUST SLAPPED DOWN THE GANG-LEADER AND TAKEN HIS RAY GUN! BUT YOU--! YOU'VE BEEN BLINDED...
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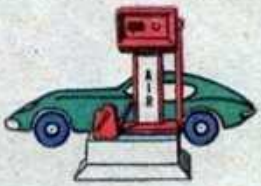

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SUPERMAN!-- SUPERMAN... WHERE ARE YOU?
RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU, LOIS! DON'T WORRY! WE'LL GET THE BEST DOCTORS IN THE WORLD TO CURE YOU! MEANWHILE-- WE'LL DO-- WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE DONE LONG AGO... MARRY!
NO!--NO! YOU'RE ONLY SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU PITY ME! I WON'T HAVE YOU THROWING YOURSELF AWAY ON A BLIND GIRL! LET ME GO! I KNOW WHEN IT'S ALL OVER!
I CAN'T STAND SEEING HER LIKE THIS! I MUST CONVINCE HER I REALLY LOVE HER!
INSTANTLY, THE MAN OF MIGHT CRUSHED THE RAY GUN HE WAS STILL HOLDING...
SKILLFULLY, HIS FINGERS OF STEEL MANIPULATED THE MANGLED PIECES OF METAL...
...UNTIL HE HAD WROUGHT A SMALL MIRACLE...
ONTO THE STARTLED GIRL'S FINGER HE SLIPPED A FAMILIAR SHAPE...
IT'S... A RING?-- A RING!
YES, LOIS! I HAD IT WITH ME ALL THE TIME! I WAS GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU AT THE CARNIVAL... AND ASK YOU TO MARRY ME! PLEASE BELIEVE ME!
TEARS OF HAPPINESS FELL FROM THE SIGHTLESS LOIS' EYES IN THE GENTLE EMBRACE OF THE METROPOLIS MARVEL...
I BELIEVE YOU NOW, SUPERMAN! OHHH-- YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'VE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT! I'M SO HAPPY--I--I COULD--CRY--!
THERE, THERE, LOIS... EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT... NOW--YOU'LL SEE...
I HOPE SHE WILL SEE!
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IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, ONE MEDICAL CONSULTATION AFTER ANOTHER RESULTED IN THE SAME DREAD PROGNOSIS...
HE SAID THE SAME THING AS THE OTHERS...THAT I'D NEVER SEE AGAIN... THAT MEDICAL SCIENCE HAS NO CURE YET FOR MY INJURY!
OHHH, SUPERMAN-- I--I CAN'T BE SELFISH! I WON'T HOLD YOU TO YOUR WORD TO MARRY A-- A BLIND GIRL!
PROF. AMES CHIEF OCULIST
WHY DO YOU THINK I WANT TO MARRY YOU? JUST FOR YOUR EYES? LOIS-- LOIS! IT'S YOU I WANT! A DEAR, SWEET, WONDERFUL, LOYAL GIRL WHO'D NEVER HESITATE AN INSTANT IF IT WERE I WHO WAS BLIND! NO ARGUMENTS!
ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU KEEP OUR MARRIAGE A COMPLETE SECRET... FOR NOW, ANYWAY!
IF MY ENEMIES KNEW YOU WERE MY WIFE, THEY'D THREATEN YOU, TO GET BACK AT ME! I COULDN'T STAND YOUR BEING IN CONSTANT DANGER!
I PROMISE, DARLING! I UNDERSTAND!
YOU--YOU'D BETTER NOT HOLD ME SO CLOSE...IN PUBLIC... FROM NOW ON, PEOPLE MIGHT SUSPECT!
NO SMOKING
ON THE DAY OF THE WEDDING...
IT'S OBVIOUS I CAN'T GET MARRIED AS SUPERMAN! I COULDN'T KEEP IT A SECRET!
SO I'LL USE MY OTHER IDENTITY... CLARK KENT!
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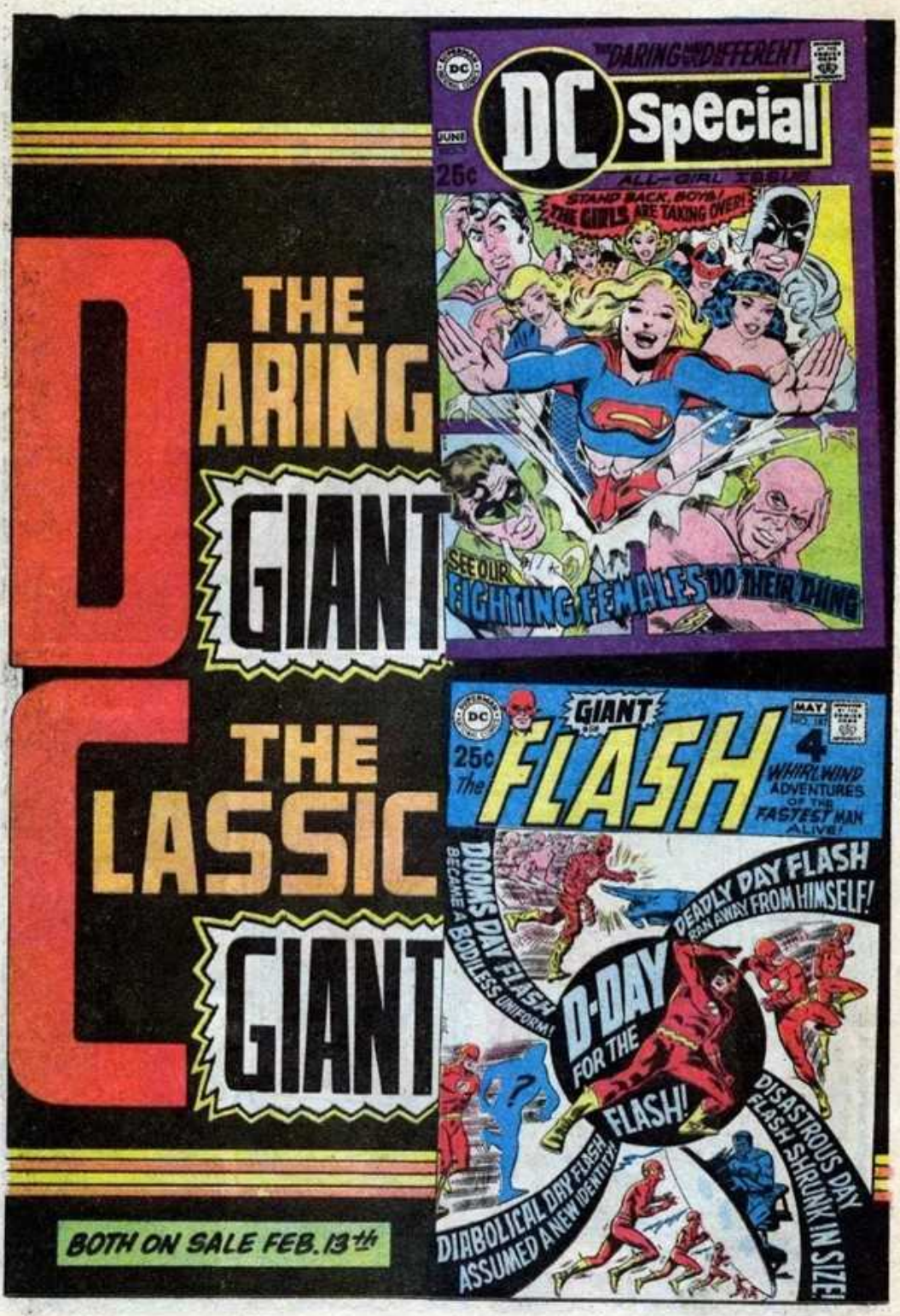
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ALL-GIRL ISSUE
STAND BACK, BOYS! THE GIRLS ARE TAKING OVER!
SEE OUR FIGHTING FEMALES DO THEIR THING
GIANT
The FLASH
4 WHIRLWIND ADVENTURES OF THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE!
DOOMS DAY FLASH BECAME A BODILESS UNIFORM!
D-DAY FOR THE FLASH!
DEADLY DAY FLASH RAN AWAY FROM HIMSELF!
DISASTROUS DAY FLASH SHRUNK IN SIZE!
DIABOLICAL DAY FLASH ASSUMED A NEW IDENTITY!
BOTH ON SALE FEB. 13th

AND WITH THE BLIND LOIS BEING NONE THE WISER, SUPERMAN MARRIED HER AS CLARK KENT--AT AN OBSCURE HAMLET IN A NEIGHBORING STATE...
...I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE!
OHHH... I KNOW YOU TWO WILL BE HAPPY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES!
ANYONE CAN SEE HOW MUCH IN LOVE YOU ARE!
WITH SUPER-SKILLED HANDS, THE MAN OF STEEL SWIFTLY BUILT A DREAM HOUSE FOR HIS BRIDE IN SOME REMOTE PINEY WOODS, FACING A DESERTED BEACH...
I'M ALMOST FINISHED!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT, DARLING!
LIKE COUNTLESS BRIDES BEFORE, THE LOVELY BLIND GIRL WAS CARRIED OVER THE THRESHOLD...IN THE LOVING ARMS OF HER HUSBAND...
WELCOME--TO YOUR OWN LITTLE HOME!
I'LL--I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE YOU A PERFECT WIFE--SO YOU'LL NEVER REGRET MARRYING ME!
BUT, DESPITE LOIS' FRANTIC EFFORTS...
I'VE BURNED THE ROAST--AND SCORCHED THE POTATOES--AND NOW--MY HAND SLIPPED! I'M SPILLING EVERYTHING OVER YOU! OHH, SUPERMAN--I'M HOPELESS!
DON'T GIVE IT A THOUGHT, HONEY! I'LL FIX UP THE KITCHEN SO THIS WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!
WITH FANTASTIC SPEED, THE ACTION ACE MANIPULATED WIRES, METAL, AND GLASS IN THE KITCHEN...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT!

HIS HERCULEAN EFFORTS COMPLETED, SUPERMAN DEMONSTRATED HIS INVENTION...
CREAM
CUSTARD
APPLE PIE
COFFEE
TEA
MILK
SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN
ROAST BEEF
SIRLOIN STEAK
BAKED POTATOES
FRIED RICE
DARLING--YOU'RE A GENIUS!
ROBOTS IN THE BACK DO ALL THE COOKING! AND THE CONTROL BUTTONS ARE LABELED IN BRAILLE, SO YOU CAN READ THEM!
A YEAR LATER, SUPERMAN JOINED THE OTHER PACING FATHERS AT METROPOLIS MATERNITY HOSPITAL...
HAVE A CIGAR! I'M PASSING THEM OUT FOR MY FRIEND, CLARK KENT! HE'S PRETTY NERVOUS... EXPECTING HIS FIRST SON...
WHAT MAKES HIM SO SURE IT WILL BE A BOY?
HE CAN'T BE MORE NERVOUS THAN I AM!
SUDDENLY...
COME TO THE NURSERY AND SEE THE KENT BABY, SUPERMAN! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!
WH-WHAT--?
LOOK AT HER! JUST BORN... AND ALREADY JUMPING IN HER CRIB! SHE'LL BE WRITTEN UP IN ALL THE MEDICAL JOURNALS!
THE BABY... HE'S A GIRL? I MEAN--IT'S WONDERFUL! UH... CLARK WILL BE BESIDE HIMSELF WITH JOY!
BACK AT THE COTTAGE, LITTLE LISA'S GRASP OF LANGUAGE WAS IMMEDIATE...
ME WANT PRETTY SUIT LIKE DADDY!
ISN'T SHE WONDERFUL, LOIS?
FROM HER VOICE, SHE SOUNDS LIKE A SUPER-DREAMBOAT! WE MUST MAKE HER A SUPER-COSTUME!
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AT A FAMILY OUTING, WHEN AN ENRAGED BULL CHARGED THE PICNICKERS...
I TEACH BAD BULL GOOD MANNERS!
LISA ISN'T IN DANGER, IS SHE?
OF COURSE NOT, LOIS! SHE JUST DID HER FIRST SUPER-FEAT! YOU'D BE PROUD OF HER BULL-DOGGING! SHE'S A CHIP OFF THE OLD SUPER-BLOCK!
SNORRT
THEN CAME THAT FATEFUL DAY WHEN SUPERMAN WAS RESCUING THE CREW OF THE ILL-FATED SHIP, ATLANTIS, A GOVERNMENT VESSEL CARRYING NUCLEAR MATERIALS FOR SECRET EXPERIMENTS...WHEN...
WHRAAAAAAM
NO...NO! THE FIRE IN THE HOLD MUST HAVE TOUCHED OFF A BLAST IN THE CARGO...AND SUPERMAN WAS IN THERE!
HE COULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED...THERE WAS RED AND GREEN KRYPTONITE IN THE NUCLEAR WARHEADS! IT'S DEADLY TO HIM!
AND WHEN LOIS LISTENED TO THE NEWS THAT EVENING...
HERE'S A LATE BULLETIN! SUPERMAN WAS KILLED TODAY WHILE RESCUING CREWMEN FROM A GOVERNMENT SHIP! HIS BODY HAS NOT BEEN RECOVERED...
OH, HEAVENS! IT CAN'T BE!
MOTHER... WHAT CAN WE DO? SOB!
DADDY... GONE... I CAN'T BEAR IT!
YOU MUST, DARLING! YOU'LL HAVE TO CARRY ON FOR HIM... AND START YOUR CAREER AS SUPER-LASS!
AND SO BEGAN THE PUBLIC LIFE OF SUPERLASS ...AND THE LEGEND OF THE WOMAN IN BLACK...

NOW... BACK TO THE PRESENT, WHERE WE DROP IN ON LOIS AS SHE SPENDS LONELY HOURS AT THE DESERTED BEACH...

OHH-- I'VE DROPPED MY YARN!

THE BALL OF YARN ROLLS INTO THE WATER, WHEN...

IF LOIS COULD *SEE*, HER SENSES WOULD REEL AT THE STARTLING SIGHT OF THE BEAST-LIKE CREATURE WHICH STUMBLES HESITANTLY TOWARD HER...

WH-WHO IS IT? I--I CAN'T SEE!

THANK HEAVEN SHE IS BLIND! AT LEAST *SHE* WON'T RUN AWAY SCREAMING, LIKE EVERY WOMAN WHO HAS *SEEN* ME!

WHAT WILL THIS LUMBERING BRUTE BRING INTO LOIS' LIFE? IS HE ROUGH, OR GENTLE GOOD, OR EVIL... RACKED BY HATE, OR ABLE TO FEEL LOVE? THE AWESOME ANSWERS AWAIT IN *PART II*!

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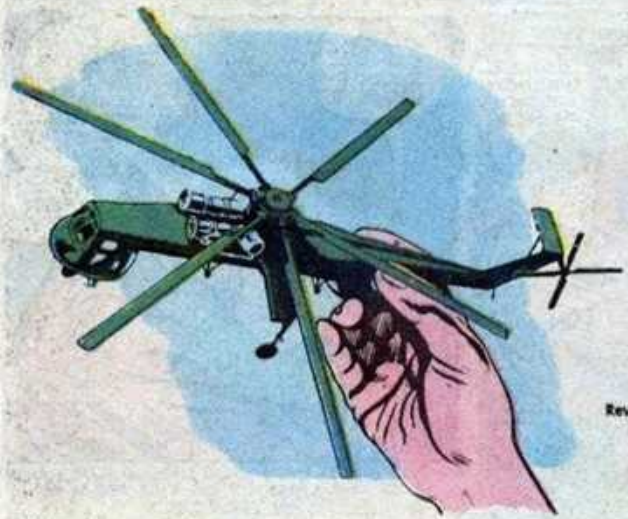

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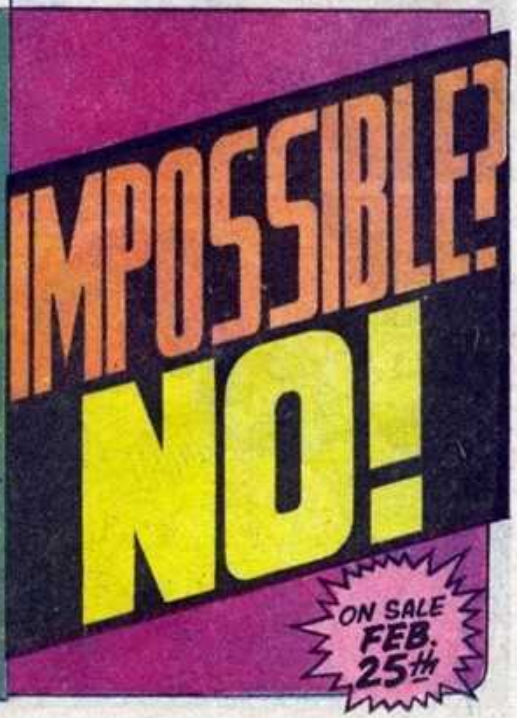
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PART II "THE BLIND BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!"
TREMBLING, THE CREATURE STANDS BEFORE THE SIGHTLESS WOMAN...
OHH, HOW KIND OF YOU!...YOUR VOICE IS SO GENTLE, I'M SURE YOU'RE A FINE PERSON!
YOUR YARN...
I'VE BEEN...AT SEA...WITH NO ONE TO TALK TO...FOR A LONG TIME. MIND IF I--SIT NEAR YOU? ...I'LL LEAVE IF YOU DON'T WANT ME AROUND!
OHH, NO! I'D BE GLAD FOR THE COMPANY WHILE MY DAUGHTER IS AWAY! IT--GETS VERY LONELY HERE! PLEASE SIT DOWN!
IF ONLY I COULD TOUCH HER...WITHOUT FRIGHTENING HER. I KNOW...
A MOTH JUST BECAME ENTANGLED IN YOUR HAIR! MIND IF I--I REMOVE IT?
HOW THOUGHTFUL! PLEASE DO!
SHYLY, THE GROTESQUE CREATURE STROKES THE BLIND LOIS' HAIR...
HOW SOFT HER HAIR IS!
THERE--I HAVE IT!
YOUR TOUCH IS SO GENTLE--THANK YOU!
AS THE BITTER-SWEET HOURS PASS...
YOU'RE AWFULLY GOOD TO HELP ME UNWIND THE WOOL!
AS LONG AS SHE CAN'T SEE ME--MY HEART IS SO FULL--IT'S BURSTING! SHE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT IT'S ME SHE HAS WOUND AROUND HER LITTLE FINGER!
13

AS THE AFTERNOON DRAWS TO A CLOSE ON THE DESERTED BEACH, LOIS AND HER FANTASTIC COMPANION PREPARE TO PART...
I MUST LEAVE NOW! I'M A WIDOW... AND MY DAUGHTER WILL BE WORRIED IF I'M NOT THERE WHEN SHE GETS HOME!
BUT IT'S BEEN WONDERFULLY PEACEFUL HERE WITH YOU! WILL YOU COME TOMORROW? AT THE SAME TIME?
I'LL TRY TO --!
OHH-- I STUMBLED-- HOW AWKWARD OF ME!
DON'T WORRY-- I'LL CATCH YOU!
FOR AN AGONIZING MOMENT THE PATHETIC, BEAST-LIKE CREATURE HOLDS THE BLIND BEAUTY TIGHTLY IN HIS ARMS...
HOW HEAVENLY IT IS...
...TO HOLD HER IN MY ARMS...
...HEAVENLY!
THEN, THE BLISSFUL INSTANT PASSES AND THE UGLY THING WATCHES LOIS SLOWLY DEPART...
I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE HELD HER SO CLOSELY! I MUST BE CAREFUL THAT SHE DOESN'T REALIZE HOW... INHUMAN... I AM!
DARKNESS FALLS, AND LIKE THE LONELIEST GHOST IN THE WORLD, THE MISSHAPEN BRUTE GAZES AT THE WINDOW OF LOIS' HOME...
HOW I WISH I COULD BE INSIDE WITH THEM... BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE LIKES OF ME! I CAN NEVER HAVE A HOME... UNLESS... MY APPEARANCE CHANGES!
14

AS THE HULKING SHAPE KEEPS ITS LONELY VIGIL OUTSIDE THE HOUSE...
?
THIS PLACE IS A NATURAL FOR US TO HOLE UP IN AFTER THE BANK JOB WE PULLED!
AN' WE CAN USE THE PEOPLE INSIDE FOR BARGAININ' POWER... LIKE CHIPS AT A POKER TABLE...IF THE COPS SHOW UP!
WITH LIGHTNING FURY, THE LURKING GARGOYLE BURSTS FROM HIS CONCEALMENT LIKE A WILD ANIMAL...
WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S HAPPENING?
FEELS LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE!
A TITANIC TOSS SENDS THE MASSIVE BEACH-BUGGY HURTLING INTO THE SEA...
I AIN'T GOT NO GILLS, NEITHER! GET ME OUTA HERE!
HALLLP-- I AIN'T NO HERRING!
SPLAAAASH!
ATTRACTED BY THE COMMOTION, A BEACH PATROLMAN APPEARS...
COME OUT-- WITH YOUR HANDS UP!
ANYTHIN'! AS LONG AS YOU GET US TO SAFETY! THIS PLACE IS HAUNTED!
GOOD...I BEAT THOSE HOODS WITHOUT HURTING THEM...OR SHOWING MYSELF! BUT TO THINK OF THEM THREATENING... HER...NEARLY DROVE ME MAD!
BEACH
BEACH PATRO
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ONLY IN HER DREAMS CAN THE BLIND LOIS "SEE"--AND SHE VISUALIZES HER RESCUER AS...
THE STRANGER MUST BE LIKE HIS VOICE...YOUNG... HANDSOME... STRONG--YET GENTLE...
ON THE DESERTED BEACH, A SOLITARY SEA GULL IS THE SOLE WITNESS TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SIGHTLESS LOIS AND THE DEFORMED CREATURE...
I'M HERE... WAITING FOR YOU!
I--I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW GLAD I AM TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!
YES... BUT IF SHE COULD SEE MY FACE, SHE'D RUN AWAY IN HORROR! AND I'LL STAY LIKE THIS... UNLESS... THE CHANGE COMES!
AS THE QUIET HOURS PASS SLOWLY... ONE BY ONE...
I... I FEEL AS IF I'VE KNOWN YOU ALWAYS! THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY DAYS SO PEACEFUL... FOR HELPING ME FORGET MY WORRIES!
LULLED BY THE ENDLESS, HYPNOTIC MURMUR OF THE SEA, LOIS BEGINS TO DROWSE...
SHE'S FALLEN ASLEEP... LIKE A TIRED, LITTLE GIRL!... SHE FEELS SO SOFT... AND WARM... AGAINST ME! I WONDER... CAN I KISS HER WITHOUT WAKING HER--?
SOFTLY AS A WHISPER, THE BEAST KISSES HIS SLEEPING BEAUTY...
16

ONE DAY, SUPERLASS IS ON HER AFTERNOON PATROL OVER METROPOLIS' NEW SKYSCRAPER COMPLEX, WHEN...
WHROOOOOSH!
A FLYING SAUCER! HURTLING DOWN-- OUT OF CONTROL! IF IT CRASHES INTO THE BUILDING AND EXPLODES--HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE MIGHT BE KILLED!
AGILELY, THE TEEN OF STEEL SNARES THE STUPENDOUS CRAFT...
I'VE CAUGHT IT! NOW TO BRING IT DOWN TO A SAFE LANDING!
LIGHT AS A FEATHER, SUPERLASS LOWERS THE SPACE SAUCER ONTO THE HUGE, FLAT ROOF OF THE SKYSCRAPER BELOW...
I WONDER WHAT IT'S DOING HERE? WHAT PLANET DOES IT COME FROM? IS IT A WARSHIP... OR ON A PEACEFUL MISSION?
SOUNDLESSLY, A COMPARTMENT SLIDES OPEN... BEINGS WITH LUMINOUS FACES EMERGE...
YOU HAVE SAVED US FROM DESTRUCTION! HOW CAN WE REPAY YOU? WE WILL DO ANYTHING!
WE COME IN PEACE... FROM GALAXY X-1... TO STUDY THE ILLS OF YOUR RACE! LATER, WE HOPE TO RETURN... WITH CURES FOR THEM ALL!
OH, IF YOU ONLY COULD! MY MOTHER IS BLIND! A CURE IS BEYOND THE REACH OF PRESENT EARTH SCIENCE...
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FROM THE INNER RECESSES OF THE STRANGE SPACE CRAFT, THE LEADER BRINGS...
THIS COSMIC-RAY OCULIZER HAS BUT ONE CHARGE LEFT! WE USE IT TO RESTORE DAMAGED EYE TISSUE! IT MAY HELP YOUR MOTHER! BUT I CANNOT GUARANTEE--
IT'S WORTH THE CHANCE! NOTHING HAS HELPED HER SO FAR!
AS THE INTER-STELLAR STRANGERS TAKE OFF AGAIN...
GOODBYE-- AND THANKS-- UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!
BACK TO THE COTTAGE SUPERLASS RACES, WITH A POUNDING HEART...
WHAT IS IT, DARLING? YOU SOUND SO EXCITED! WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
I--I CAN'T TELL YOU NOW, MOTHER! JUST STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T MOVE! DON'T EVEN BREATHE!
TENSELY, SUPERLASS ACTIVATES THE RAY OF THE OCULIZER...
OHH, HEAVEN! MOTHER HAS SUFFERED SO PATIENTLY FOR SO LONG! PLEASE-- PLEASE LET THIS HEAL HER!
THE GLOW IS AS BRIGHT AS A MINIATURE SUN-- THEN IT CEASES... AND LOIS IS LEFT IN HER WORLD OF DARKNESS...
MOTHER-- IS--IS ANYTHING HAPPENING?
AND THEN... SLOWLY... THE BLACK DEPTHS SEEM TO PART..
MOTHER?--CAN YOU--CAN YOU--?
I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I CAN SEE! I CAN SEE YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME! AND--AND-- YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOUR POOR, DEAR, WONDERFUL FATHER WAS HANDSOME!
18

THE NEXT DAY, THE SKY SEEMS TO HIDE ITS FACE IN DREAD EXPECTANCY AS THE UNGAINLY BRUTE RACES TO MEET LOIS...
HELLO! THE HOURS SEEMED TO CREEP ENDLESSLY BEFORE I COULD SEE YOU AGAIN!
OH, THERE YOU ARE! I...
...OH...NO! GASP!
Y-YOU CAN SEE! AND NOW YOU KNOW WHAT A FREAK I AM! YOU'RE TURNING AWAY IN DISGUST!
N-NO! IT'S NOT TRUE! I--I WAS SURPRISED--THAT'S ALL!
B-BUT--YOU CAN'T HELP THE WAY YOU LOOK! AND ALL I CARE ABOUT--IS WHAT YOU ARE! GENTLE... AND KIND... AND...PATIENT!
THEN PROVE IT! LET'S SEE YOU KISS ME... WITH YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN... AS IF I WERE A NORMAL MAN!
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IN UTTER DESPAIR, THE BRUTE WRENCHES HIS LIPS FROM LOIS...
YOU FORCED YOURSELF TO KISS ME OUT OF PITY! BUT YOUR LIPS WERE LIKE COLD MARBLE! YOUR HEART WAS POUNDING... AND NOT WITH LOVE! YOUR HANDS WERE WET WITH ICY SWEAT!
NO... LISTEN TO ME! LET ME PROVE THAT LOOKS MEAN NOTHING TO ME! YOU WERE A TRUE FRIEND WHEN I NEEDED ONE THE MOST! PLEASE--?
LIKE AN ELEMENTAL FURY GONE BERSERK, THE DEFORMED CREATURE UPLIFTS TREES AS IF HE WERE TRYING TO WRENCH THE AGONY OUT OF HIS OWN HEART...
I CAN'T FOOL MYSELF ANY LONGER! THE SPELL WON'T WEAR OFF! I'LL ALWAYS LOOK LIKE A FREAK! AND PEOPLE WILL SHUN ME... LEAVE ME ALONE... TILL I DIE!

THEN, TOWARD THE HUGE ROCKS OF THE BREAK-WATER THE ANGUISHED THING TURNS AND LASHES AT THEM WITH MAD RAGE...
LOOK AT ME! MY HANDS ARE SO STRONG... THEY CAN'T EVEN BLEED! HOW CAN I ESCAPE FROM THE TORMENT IN MY MIND? WHAT CAN I DO? WHERE CAN I GO?
CRAAAACK CRAACK!
LIKE SOME MONSTROUS BIRD, THE GROTESQUE CREATURE HURLS HIMSELF INTO THE SKY...
I MUST LEAVE EARTH! THERE'S NO LIFE HERE FOR ME... NOT ANY MORE!
JUST AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE BEACH BELOW, SUPERLASS LANDS BESIDE HER MOTHER...
HE'S FLYING! OH, HEAVENS! HE'S FLYING!
WHO, MOTHER? WHO IS THAT?
I'M NOT SURE... BUT IF HE'S WHO I THINK...
USE YOUR SUPER-VISION, LISA... SEE WHERE HE GOES!
ALL RIGHT, BUT... GREAT COMETS!
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BATMAN
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MY COSTUME IS RIGHT WHERE I LEFT IT...UNDER THIS MEMORIAL STATUE OF ME!
I'LL NEED MY INDESTRUCTIBLE SUIT FOR MY FLIGHT INTO SPACE! UGH! I CAN HARDLY BEAR TO LOOK AT MY OWN FACE!
AND BACK ON THE BEACH...
HE'S PUTTING ON A SUPERMAN COSTUME! BUT WHY...?
DON'T YOU SEE, DARLING? HE IS SUPERMAN! ...HE IS YOUR FATHER!
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"BUT THE GREEN K RAYS CAUSED THE CHANGE TO BE PERMANENT, NOT TEMPORARY, AS RED K USUALLY IS..."
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DADDY... ALIVE! I'LL GO BRING HIM BACK!
NO, HONEY! HE'S IN NO MOOD TO LISTEN TO ANYONE NOW!
AND FAR AWAY, IN THE REMOTE ARCTIC, A HIDEOUS SHAPE STREAKS UP FROM THE FORTRESS...
I'LL FIND AN UNINHABITED PLANET, WHERE NO ONE WILL SEE MY FACE... AND LIVE OUT THE REST OF MY LIFE THERE! IF EVEN LOIS CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF ME, I WANT TO GET AS FAR AWAY FROM EARTH AS POSSIBLE!
HE'S LEAVING EARTH! I'LL TRAIL HIM SECRETLY... SEE WHERE HE GOES! MAYBE SOME DAY WE'LL FIND AN ANTIDOTE FOR THE K EFFECT!
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OH, SUPERMAN ... DARLING... I'D GLADLY GIVE MY EYES TO HAVE YOU BACK! WILL I EVER SEE YOU AGAIN? SOB!
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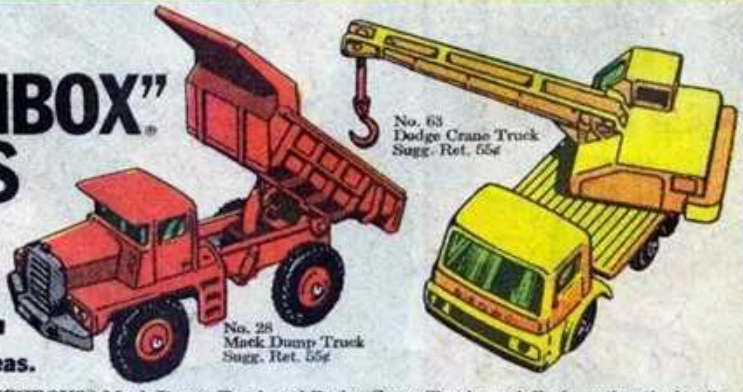

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Letters to Lois and Lana

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"The Bride of Batman," has brought in a lot of comment. Patricia Ehlman, Newport, Ky., writes: "It was certainly a different Imaginary Tale. But I don't think Superman, after loving Lois for so long, would give her up to Batman so easily. What a battle that would have been!" . . . Nick van Hoogstraten, Bronxville, N.Y., suggests "a sequel, 'The Bride of Batman, Junior.' The bride could be the daughter of Superman and Lana Lang." . . . Mark Halford, Decatur, Ill., objects to the part where "Robin fancies himself low man on the totem pole. To me this is ingratitude. Without Batman, Robin wouldn't be there; but Robin doesn't want his partner to enjoy life." No ingratitude intended. Robin was expressing his own natural doubts about where his future lay. . . . Adrian Paul Ullyses Alexander Vance, New Rochelle, N.Y., blasts us for using his last name for a crook, "Clip" Vance: "A famous fictional detective was Philo Vance. Cyrus Vance is representing the U.S. at the Paris peace talks. I find it insulting that every Vance in your stories is some evil creep." We'll probably be getting nasty letters from somebody named Luthor next.

COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT: "The story about the 'Murderer's Eyes' was great," writes Anne Adams, Dayton, Ohio, "but you made a goof. The Seeing Eye Institute is very explicit in insisting that the blind users of guide dogs spend many weeks learning with the dogs. They don't take them right off, as Lois did when she became blind." Maybe you missed the point at the very beginning that Lois had gone through the complete training course with Queenie, the dog, for a newspaper story, so she was able to take Queenie immediately. . . . Referring to "The Perfect Husband," Dennis Vanns, Antioch, Tenn., states: "You forgot that Roger's toupee would come off in the deep water when he saved the girl swimmer." But did you ever actually see Roger's head go under water? No! . . . Another complaint on the same story came from someone who signs himself—or herself—L.M.W.: "I couldn't help but feel sorry for Roger. He gave Lois all the love and affection anyone could, and she turned around and said on TV that he was bald. This was something he was trying to hide."

Some of the readers are going back some time to find errors. Marc Colbert, Pacifica, Calif., notes that in No. 80, Lois can give a transfusion to Commander Kirby because they have the same blood type. "But in a story in the SUPERMAN 30TH ANNIVERSARY GIANT, Superman says Lois has type O. If you have type O, you can get a transfusion of any type of blood, so Lois wasn't the only one who could have saved Kirby." Wrong—according to our encyclopedia. Type O is the "universal donor," so-called because, in most cases, this type can be given to patients with any blood type. But type AB is the "universal recipient," able to accept any other type into the veins. There are always exceptions, though; so doctors prefer to stick to the patient's blood group. . . . Paul Williams, Cataula, Ga., goes all the way back to issue 62: "Clark said that he was going to vote for Lois. If he did he would be breaking the law. He is not an American citizen. He was born on Krypton." But he is a citizen. Years ago, Superboy was made a citizen by special act of Congress.

"You have established that Superman and Lois will eventually marry," notes Lin Shelton, Kingston, Ont., Canada. "So I don't think Lois should be so formal in addressing her future husband as 'Superman.' Does Mrs. Johnson call her husband Mr. President? Lois should use Superman's real name—Kal-El." But Superman isn't a title, like President, Doctor or General. It's a professional name, like those taken by actors. How many people call Cary Grant by his real name, Archie Leech—or call Robert Taylor, Spangler Arlington Brugh? . . . Danny Wilinsky, Rochester, N.Y., has a scheme to stop Lois' suspicions that Clark is Superman: "Why can't Superman make a woman robot for Clark to marry?" Trouble is, Supie wants to marry Lois eventually in his Clark identity. . . . But George Verevkir, Sunnyside, L.I., N.Y., doesn't want this wedding to take place: "I think Superman should marry a Legion girl. He would have more of a super-life if his wife had a super-power."

Next on the agenda—the future of Lana Lang. It seems like everyone wants the radiant redhead to get a new beau. The only difference of opinion is—who should it be? "Batman, that's who!" is the emphatic decision of John Laney, Pecos, Tex. "He and Lana would be the best pair in DC history." . . . Gonzalo Freixes, Inglewood, Calif., suggests "Pete Ross or a Kandorian. She would later marry him. Then she could frequently drop in on Lois and try to help Lois get Superman to the altar." . . . Selina Zane, Phoenixville, Pa., says: "Instead of a trite marriage to a clod like Pete Ross, I propose she wed either Green Lantern or Green Arrow and take up a new career as Insect Queen, super-heroine and Justice League member. Both GA and GL are now burdened with inferior sweethearts. If either were to unite with Miss Lang, it would inject a new vigor into his stories." . . . Patty Gamino, Huntington Beach, Calif., also wants Lana to join the JLA, but as for romance, suggests: "Maybe Mon-El could be a good boy friend."

Chris Tobias, Chicago, Ill., points out that, in No. 88, "When Lois was injured, she had on a plaid dress, but in the doctor's office, immediately afterward, her dress was plain purple. Why?" Sorry—that's a deep-dyed secret. . . . "I'm tired of seeing complaints in your letter columns," writes Dean Mahon, Massapequa, N.Y. "I think LOIS is the best comic around. The new Lois is just as pretty as before, if not more so. I want to thank the terrific new artist, Irv Novick, and the writers and editors, for this great mag." Hope you also like the artist who contributed the pencils this issue—Curt Swan.

Which brings us to the end of another column. Remember—our new address for your comments is LETTERS TO LOIS AND LANA, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. Include your Zip Code with your return address.

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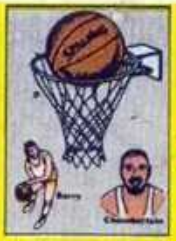

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